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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU: UN APPLICATION

REF: USUN 2745

1. USUN TELEGRAM REPORTING SOVIET SC PRES MOVE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON GUINEA BISSAU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION POSES "WORST-CASE" HYPOTHESIS THAT SC MEMBERS MAY AGREE TO AUGUST 8 AFTERNOON SC MEETING WHICH COULD THEN AGREE TO CONSTITUTE ITSELF INTO SC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TO VOTE ON GUINEA BISSAU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

2. FACED WITH THIS POSSIBLE SEQUENCE, EMBASSY LISBON INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT FONOFF URGENTLY EARLY AUGUST 8 AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. USG PREPARED TRY TO SUPPORT DELAY ANY VOTE ON GUINEA-BISSAU APPLICATION BUT IN ABSENCE OF ANY CLEAR INDICATION OF GOP INTENTIONS REGARDING DATE TO GRANT TO GUINEA BISSAU INDEPENDENCE, OR OF CLEAR INDICATION BY GUINEA BISSAU REPS IN NEW YORK THAT THEY DO NOT WISH SC ACTION EXPEDITED, IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT WE CAN SUCCEED.

B. USG BELIEVES THAT RAPID RELEASE OF PLANNED DECLARATION REGARDING GOP EFFORTS TO EFFECT ORDERLY TRANSFER OF POWERS WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE IN ACHIEVING DELAY BUT THAT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED TARGET DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE COMBINED WITH ASSENT BY GUINEA BISSAU TO DELAY SC ACTION UNTIL THAT DATE WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE.

C. US EFFORTS AT DELAY OF SC ACTION WILL NOT EXTEND TO OPPOSING FAVORABLE SC ACTION ON GUINEA BISSAU APPLICATION. (FYI: WHETHER WE VOTE IN FAVOR OR WHETHER WE ABSTAIN WILL HAVE TO BE DECIDED IN THE LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME OF VOTE BUT EMBASSY SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND STATING THAT USG WILL NOT OPPOSE).

3. EMBASSY LISBON REQUESTED REPORT RESULTS OF ABOVE DESCRIBED CONSULTATION IMMEDIATE INFO USUN.

4. FOR USUN: STRONG EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO AUGUST 8 CONSULTATIONS TO : (A) URGE THAT NO SC MTG BE CONVENED UNTIL NEXT WEEK IN LIGHT GOP EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY WITH GUINE-BISSAU AND IN VIEW OF NEED TO GET INSTRUCTIONS; (B) DISCOVER INTENTIONS OF GUINE-BISSAU REPS AND GET WORD TO FRIENDLY SC MEMBERS AND NON-ALIGNED IF IT APPEARS THAT SC PRES SETTING PACE FASTER THAN THEY DESIRE.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL INSTRUCT USUN FURTHER IN LIGHT EMBASSY LISBON'S REPLY. KISSINGER

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